



For I know the plans I have for you.

Rutland United Methodist Church
Sunday, October 27, 2024 ~ 11:15 am ~ Pastor Tom Atkins

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Step by Step* Sharon Teer and Ann Reed

OPENING MUSIC *Jesus, We Are Here* TFWS 2273

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world that often seems adrift. Often seems at war with itself. Often seem far too random, God has a plan.

All: For our God is a God of love, and he wants good for his children.

Leader: Even when we are confused or lost, God has a plan.

All: For our God is a God of love and he wants good for his children.

Leader: And so we come here as his children. We come to worship him. We come to appeal to him. We come to love him, for he has loved us, even to eternal life and salvation.

All: We come each of us as his child. And our God is a God of love and wants good for his children. Amen.

HYMN *My Life Is in You, Lord* TFWS 2032

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Holy and loving God, by your word you give light to our souls. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, so our hearts may be opened to your holiness and guidance for our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *God Leads Us Along* Joy Choir

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:11

SERMON **Have I Got a Plan for You!** Rev. Tom Atkins

HYMN *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, you open our eyes to your truth, your love and your care for all your children. We bring our gifts to you with gratitude. Use these gifts to spread your love and light, helping others to see your grace and mercy. Bless our giving and open our hearts to see the needs around us so that we may serve with compassion and humility. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Ann Reed

BLESSINGS and PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

He Leadeth Me

UMH 128

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG

Song of Hope

TFWS #2186

Announcements

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. It is designed so that when we read regularly, we read all the important portions of the Bible in three years. Each week we share the four verses here, so you may join Christians everywhere in the journey of Bible reading. Here are this week's Lectionary readings:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 ~ Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22 ~ Hebrews 7:23-28 ~ Mark 10:46-52

Please note that during October, **Companions in Wholeness** is collecting 1,500 items for the food pantry in October, in hopes of not only replenishing the pantry, but receiving a \$1,500 grant from Thrivent for meeting their goal.

Items needed include chunky soups, ravioli, spaghetti, chicken, tuna, beef stew, baked beans, fruit (canned with pull off tops if possible), family size juice, sugar cereal, peanut butter, jelly, loaves of bread, crackers, toilet paper, laundry detergent, mayonnaise, shelf stable milk and other items you believe could be easily eaten by folks living outside. Pop up lids are the best, so folks don't need a can opener.

Mark your calendar! RUMC's annual **Church Conference** with District Superintendent Jill Colley Robinson will be held on **Sunday, December 8 at @ 2:00 pm.**

Joy Choir meets at 9:15 AM on Sunday to rehearse for worship. Please contact Ann Reed if you would like to join.

Bells of Joy rehearses weekly. Contact Karen James if you wish to play.

Yes! We do have a **Bible Study/Discussion Group**. It is held on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. We are currently studying the history of different denominations. Email the office for the link or see our Facebook page.

**Thank you for your continued support of RUMC
Tithes & Offerings for October 20: \$1,238**

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